BOARD OF TRADE JOURNAL

UNIVERSITY
FEB 12 1945
LIBRARY

CONTENTS

	PAGE
Announcements	1
Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes	6
Trade and Industry	7

HF 183* B66 v.151

Published by His Majesty's Stationery Office and obtainable directly from them at the following addresses: York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A, Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39-41, King Street, Manchester, 2; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any booksellers.

Registered as a Newspaper. Crown copyright reserved. Extracts may be published if the source is duly acknowledged.

Volume 151 No. 2509 **Price 6d. net; 26s. per annum; post free 30s.** **6th January 1945**

Sept. 22 - pp. 457-472 miss.

Announcements

NOTE: Copies of all Orders referred to in the *Board of Trade Journal* can be purchased through any booksellers, agents or direct from H.M. Stationery Office. New Orders, however, may not be immediately available.

Board of Trade Regional Controllers

Following is the current list of the office addresses of the Board of Trade's Regional Controllers :—

Region	Regional Controller	Office Address
1. NORTHERN.	S. A. Sadler Forster	Watson House, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Sub-Office	L. Ruddock (Deputy Controller).	Cockton House, Cockton Hill, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.
2. NORTH EASTERN.	G. E. Naylor.	Sheldon House, Queen Street, Leeds, 1.
3. NORTH MIDLAND.	J. I. Piggott.	Government Buildings, Clifton Boulevard, Nottingham.
4. EASTERN.	R. W. Burkitt.	New Court, Trinity College, Cambridge.
5. LONDON.	Capt. S. J. Graham.	25, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.
6. SOUTHERN.	Capt. H. W. Weathersbee.	Burberry's Buildings, Mill Lane, Reading.
7. SOUTH WESTERN.	B. W. T. Kay.	Hyde Lodge Mansions, Westbury Park, Bristol.
8. WALES.	E. Brunning.	68, Cathedral Road, Cardiff.
Sub-Office	E. Brunning.	Palace Hotel, Rhyl, N. Wales.
9. MIDLANDS.	A. Heckle.	Somerset House, 37, Temple Street, Birmingham, 2.
10. NORTH WESTERN.	H. N. Grundy.	Arkwright House, Parsonage Gardens, Manchester, 3.
Sub-Office.	J. J. Adams (Deputy Controller).	30, Roper Street, Whitehaven.
11. SCOTLAND.	R. A. Maclean.	95, Bothwell Street, Glasgow, C.2.
Sub-Office.	F. H. Stockwell (Deputy Controller).	1, Overgate, Dundee.
12. SOUTH EASTERN.	Capt. S. J. Graham.	25, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.
13. NORTHERN IRELAND.	G. H. E. Parr	Ministry of Commerce, 26, Howard Street, Belfast.

Utility Apparel and Textiles and Knitted Goods

Board of Trade have issued the Utility Apparel and ...es (Costs of Manufacture and Supply) Directions 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1433, price 2d.), and the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 9) Directions, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1434, price 1d.). These Directions came into operation on 1st January 1945, and introduce into the Directions listed below a new paragraph with regard to the price control of utility clothing and footwear.

The effect of the new provision is that, if a manufacturer's prices or service charges for a range of utility clothing or footwear, over a period, exceed the maximum prices or charges, the total figures for the whole of the period may be submitted for the consideration of the Court in a prosecution, without the necessity of issuing separate summonses in respect of individual transactions.

No new requirements are imposed upon any manufacturer, and if a manufacturer complies with the provisions with regard to prices and service charges for individual articles, he cannot be committing an offence under this paragraph. But in future, during any period of from four to twelve months, the total of a manufacturer's gross prices and service charges for any utility clothing or footwear, may not exceed the total of his costs of production and sale and the permitted margins, provision being made for adjustments for opening and closing stocks and for any case in which the costs and margins for a particular article exceed the ceiling prices.

The Directions which have been amended in this way are :—

The Utility Apparel (Men's, Youths' and Boys' Outerwear) Directions, 1943 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 13th November 1943, page 426).

The Utility Apparel (Men's and Boys' Shirts, Underwear and Nightwear) (No. 3) Directions, 1943 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 25th December 1943, page 477).

The Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Outerwear) (No. 2) Directions, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 4th March 1944, page 77).

The Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Underwear and Nightwear) (No. 3) Directions, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 26th February 1944, page 70).

The Utility Apparel (Overalls) (No. 3) Directions, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 26th February 1944, page 70).

The Utility Apparel (Merchant Navy) Directions, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 29th January 1944, page 34).

The Utility Apparel (Infants' and Girls' Wear) (No. 2) Directions, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 8th April 1944, page 136).

The Utility Apparel (Oilskins) Directions, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 22nd July 1944, page 267).

The Utility Apparel (Waterproof) Directions, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 16th September 1944, page 343).

The Utility Apparel (Nurses' Uniforms) Directions, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 13th May 1944, page 178).

The Corsets (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 9) Directions, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 26th August 1944, page 314).

The Braces (Manufacture and Supply) Directions, 1943 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 12th June 1943, page 222).

The Footwear (Supply, Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) Directions, 1943 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 18th September 1943, page 345).

The Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 6) Directions, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 13th November 1943, page 426).

Household Rubber Gloves Without Permits

The Board of Trade have made the Rubber Gloves (No. 2) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1328, price 1d.) removing the restriction imposed in 1942 on the sale of household rubber gloves, which until now have been obtainable only on production of a buying permit. The effect of this is to allow any remaining stocks of these gloves to be disposed of freely; but this does not denote any easing of the rubber situation nor does it mean that the manufacture of household rubber gloves is likely to be resumed in the near future.

The Ministry of Supply have however limited stocks of house-

hold rubber gloves which they will now sell in accordance with the arrangements for the disposal of surplus Government stocks outlined in the White Paper on disposals policy (Cmd. 6539). By arrangement with the Board of Trade the Ministry will sell to wholesalers who normally dealt in rubber gloves of this kind at a price of 15s. 4d. a dozen pairs (exclusive of Purchase Tax) less 2½ per cent. discount for cash in thirty days. Applications should be addressed to the Rubber Control, Empire House, St. Martins le Grand, E.C.1.

As the quality of these gloves may vary considerably, the Rubber Control will replace to the trader who bought from them any gloves which are shown to have been defective at the time of purchase from the Ministry and consequently are unfit for sale, if application is made within six months of the date of purchase. Should replacement prove impossible, the purchase price paid to the Ministry of Supply in respect of the unsaleable gloves will be refunded.

After consultation with the Central Price Regulation Committee the Board of Trade have also made the Household Rubber Gloves (Maximum Prices) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1329, price 1d.), which fixes ceiling prices and maximum margins of profit for wholesalers and retailers of such gloves. The Order applies to all household rubber gloves, including any which wholesalers or retailers may have in stock, and is not confined to Government surplus gloves. The wholesale margin is 21·22 per cent. on cost exclusive of Purchase Tax (17½ per cent. on returns) and the retail margin is 50 per cent. on cost exclusive of tax (33⅓ per cent. on returns).

The ceiling prices will be as follows :—

Wholesale ceiling price (exclusive of Purchase Tax).	18s. 7d. a dozen pairs less 2½ per cent. discount for cash in thirty days.
Retail ceiling price (inclusive of Purchase Tax).	2s. 10d. a pair.

Both Orders will come into operation on 11th January 1945.

Household rubber gloves do not require coupons.

New Utility Wool Cloths

The Board of Trade, in consultation with the Wool Control, have decided to extend the range of woven wool utility cloths, and production of the following new specification numbers will commence in the 1st March/30th June 1945 wool rationing period.

The Board of Trade will issue, shortly, directions indicating the types of garments in which these cloths may be used, but, meantime, it may be assumed that the uses will be as stated below :—

Spec. No.	Description	Weight oz.	Price	For use
208A	Woollen tweed and other woollen cloth, including imitation worsted	14–18	6/6–7/6	As 208
209C	All worsted cloth other than flannel and Scottish tweed	12	8/6–9/6	As 209B
209D	Woollen tweed, Scottish tweed, all worsted cloth other than flannel	13½–18	8/1–9/6	As 209
209E	All worsted cloth other than flannel	14½–18	9/6–11/–	As 209A
209F	All worsted cloth other than flannel	16–20	11/– –13/6	As 209A
210E	Woollen tweed, other than woollen cloth, including imitation worsted, all worsted cloth other than flannel	5–10	5/8½–6/6	As 210D
210F	Woollen tweed, other woollen cloth, including imitation worsted, all worsted cloth other than flannel	5–10	6/6–7/6	As 210D
212A	Woollen tweed and other woollen cloth	20	9/6–10/6	As 212
219A	Woollen tweed, other woollen cloth, including imitation worsted, all worsted cloth than than flannel	10–14	6/6–7/6	As 219
240	Flannel, 27–29 in.	4½–6	1/7–2/4	Pyjamas and Nightdress.

List of Wholesale Suppliers of Priority Blankets

The undermentioned wholesalers, selected by reference to the volume of their pre-war blanket trade and the number of priority dockets they have handled, have undertaken at the invitation of the Board of Trade to hold a special stock of blankets reserved for supply only to retailers presenting Priority Dockets.

Armstrong, Matthew Ltd., 177 Trongate, Glasgow.
Arthur & Co. Ltd., 78 Queen Street, Glasgow, C.1.
Baker, Baker & Co. Ltd., 4 Charlotte Street, Park Street, Bristol, 1
Bradbury Greatorex & Co. Ltd., 6 Aldermanbury, London, E.C.2.
Bell & Nicholson Ltd., Cannon Street, Birmingham.
Burgess, Roland Ltd., 129 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.
Campbells & Stewart & MacDonald Ltd., 137 Ingram Street, Glasgow.
Cohen, Noab & Son Ltd., 3–5 Bath Street, City Road, London, E.C.1.
Cook, Son & Co. (St. Paul's) Ltd., 22 St. Paul's Churchyard, London, E.C.4.
Cooke, Sons & Co. Ltd., Spen Valley Carpet Works, Liversedge, Yorks.
Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd., 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, and at Newcastle, London, Bristol and Cardiff.
Copestake, Crampton & Co. Ltd., 14 St. Paul's Churchyard, London, E.C.4.
Crowe & Co. Ltd., Wellington Street, Leeds, 1.
Devas, Routledge & Co. Ltd., 48 Portsmouth Road, Surbiton, Surrey.
Deyang, S. & L. Ltd., 28 Houndsditch, London, E.C.3.
Doble, Dew & Co. Ltd., 6 Gillspur Street, London, E.C.1.
Faudels Ltd., 23 Little Britain, London, E.C.1.
Fore Street Warehouse Co. Ltd., 104 New Bond Street, London, W.1.
Foster, Porter & Co. Ltd., 200 Tottenham Court Road, London, W.1.
Fowler, Albert Ltd., 14 Norfolk Street, Sheffield.
French, James & Co., 14 Hutcheson Street, Glasgow, C.1.
Gillinson, J., Gibbon & Demaine Ltd., 1 New York Street, Leeds.
Hall, John & Sons (Bury) Ltd., Bell Lane, Bury, Lancs.
Harmer, F. W., & Co. Ltd., St. Andrews Works, Norwich.
Hickson, Lloyd & King Ltd., 9 Portland Street, Manchester.
Hollington Brothers Ltd., 55 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.
Holmes Terry & Co. Ltd., 38 High Street, Manchester.
Holt & Co. (Leeds) Ltd., 8 St. Paul's Street, Leeds.
Hopkins, John & Co., 18–20 Dantzic Street, Manchester.
Hotham & Whiting Ltd., Thirsk Row, Leeds.
Houndsditch Warehouse Co. Ltd. (The), Houndsditch, London, E.C.3.
Hunter Barr & Co. Ltd., 57 Queen Street, Glasgow.
Josephs & Thorp, 33 High Street, Manchester.
Knowles Gerrard & Co. Ltd., Ormrod Street, Bolton.
Landy, P. W., & Co. Ltd., 11 Frederick Street, Cardiff.
Langdon & Sons Ltd., J., The Duke Street, Warehouse and Factory, Liverpool.
Larkins, S. C., & Sons Ltd., 15 Livery Street, Birmingham.
Lesser, S., & Sons (1928) Ltd., 9 Cutler Street, Houndsditch, London, E.1.
Lloyd Rees Ltd., P., 14 Church Street, Manchester.
Locker, L., & C. Ltd., 54 Cannon Street, Manchester.
Lunt, Richard, & Co. Ltd., Old Square, Birmingham.
McLaren, William, Sons & Co. Ltd., 5 Hanover Street, Glasgow, C.1.
Marshall, W., & Sons Ltd., 16 Frederick Street, Glasgow.
Morley, I. & R. Ltd., Africa House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.
Ogdens & Madelays Ltd., 10 Hinshull Street, Manchester.
Pawsons & Leafs Ltd., 9 St. Paul's Churchyard, London, E.C.4.
Philips, J. & N., & Co. Ltd., 35 Church Street, Manchester.
Rattray, Charles, & Co. Ltd., 14 Candleriggs, Glasgow.
Richards, Bennett & Rivers Ltd., Oxhey Rise, Oxhey Lane, Hatch End, Middlesex.
Rotherham, Jeremiah, & Co. Ltd., Anlaby House, High Street, Shoreditch, London, E.1.
Rundle, Rogers & Brook Ltd., Churchill's Old Exeter Road, Newton Abbot.
Rylands & Sons Ltd., 6 High Street, Manchester.
Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd., 95 Morrison Street, Glasgow, C.5.
Scott, J. T., & Sons Ltd., Hartlepool Street, Thornley, Durham.
Shevloff & Co. Ltd., 44 Cannon Street, Manchester.
Slesenger, Henry, & Sons, 15–19 Westmorland Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Smith, H. C. Ltd., The Bull Ring House, Birmingham.
Snook, James, & Co. Ltd., Hounds Gate, Nottingham.
Sparrow Hardwick Co. Ltd., 10 Major Street, Manchester, 1.
Spencer Turner & Boldero Ltd., 61 Lisson Grove, London, N.W.1.
Sutcliffe, Wm. Ltd., 65 High Street, Manchester, C.4.
Sykes, B., 44–46 Thomas Street, Manchester.
Tapling, Thomas, & Co. Ltd., Onslow Mills, Trout Road, Yiewsley, Middlesex.
Telfer & Co., 66 Miller Street, Glasgow, C.1.
Watts, S. & J., & Co., 35 Portland Street, Manchester.
Were & Wright, 28 Milk Street, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.
Wilkinson & Riddell Ltd., 42 Cherry Street, Birmingham, 2.
Wilkinson & Riddell (Bristol) Ltd., 5 St. Paul Street, Bristol, 2.
Wilkinson & Warburton Ltd., Caressa House, King Street, Leeds.
Williams, J. D., & Co. (Wholesale) Ltd., 36 Hilton Street, Manchester.
Witney Warehouse Co. Ltd., 1 Wood Street, Manchester.

As from 1st January 1945 any retailer, whether or not he has previously dealt with wholesalers on this list, may send Priority Docket orders for blankets to any of these firms. In most cases the blankets will be supplied within a week, but occasionally, especially in the first weeks of the arrangement, a slightly longer delay may be necessary.

Infants' Waterproof Knickers

In order to meet complaints of the unsatisfactory quality and high price of infants' waterproof knickers, the Board of Trade

intend licensing pre-war manufacturers to make a limited number of utility garments, for which coupons will be issued and materials allocated.

Proofing for these garments will be approved only after testing by the Cotton Board to ensure that the required standard is reached.

Manufacturers who made these garments on a considerable scale before the war and who wish to participate in this production, should apply to the Board of Trade, I. & M. 2 Department, Millbank, London, S.W.1, stating :—

(1) The number of infants' waterproof knickers they made (from cloth and from rubber sheet) during the year ending 31st May 1940, confirmed by an auditor's certificate ;

(2) Their present capacity for production of these garments.

Control of Iron and Steel

NO. 37 ORDER

The Minister of Supply has made the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 37) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1440, price 1d.), which came into force on 30th December 1944.

The Order permits any person to acquire, without licence, in any quantity used barbed wire, wire and wire road reinforcement fabric mesh, and wire staples.

The Order also alters some of the maximum prices for iron and steel products, principally by reducing the prices for ferro-tungsten electrically melted steels, shell steel discards, high-speed steel and certain alloy steels and increasing the maximum prices for other alloy steels and for medium plates, springs, steel castings and wrought-iron tubes and fittings. Maximum prices are provided for the first time for high-speed steel drill rods, crank axles and parts, cold-drawn Admiralty boiler tubes and gun billets. A list is appended of the altered Related Schedules.

Old No. under Nos. 32, 34 and 35 Orders, revoked	New Schedule lodged	Product	
17	155	Forging ingots.	Reduced electric melting extra.
102	156	Billets, blooms and slabs for re-rolling.	do.
19	157	Billets, blooms and slabs for forging, drop forging and stamping.	do.
126	158	Alloy steel billets and bars.	Reduced electric melting extra and prices completely revised.
127	159	Alloy steel wire rods.	do.
23	160	Shell steel.	Reduced electric melting extra and reduced prices for armour piercing steel.
132	161	Heavy steel bars, sections and plates.	Reduced electric melting extra and extras for bars 8 in.–13 in. dia. established. Increase of £1 per ton on medium plates.
133	—	Plates 3 mm. thick and over wholly rolled down in a sheet mill.	Schedule of prices withdrawn, the standard medium plate prices (see 161 above) will apply.
135	162	Re-rolled bars, sections and hot rolled strip.	Re-edited schedule and reduced electric melting and increased heat treatment extras.
136	163	Cold rolled strip.	Schedule of prices completely revised.
137	164	Bright carbon steel bars.	Reduced electric melting and increased heat treatment extras and prices for small quantities put on the same level as sales from stock.
138	165	Bright drawn carbon steel flats.	do.
139	166	Coated and uncoated steel sheets thinner than 3 mm.—basis prices.	Schedule re-edited, no change in prices.
114	167	Gas list wrought iron and steel screwed and socketed tubes, tubulars and fittings.	Prices for wrought iron tubes and fittings increased.
119	168	Wrought iron and hot finished steel boiler tubes.	do.
84	169	Steel castings.	Previous over-all increase varied as between different classes of castings resulting in some reductions and some increases in the prices.
89	170	Laminated railway springs.	Prices increased.
90	171	Railway coil springs.	do.
154	172	Merchants' consolidated price schedule.	Schedule re-edited to give effect, among other things, to changes in other related schedules.
98	173	Special delivery charges to Northern Ireland, etc.	Schedule re-edited.
—	174	High speed steel drill rods.	Establishing maximum prices under the Control Order for the first time.
—	175	Cold drawn Admiralty boiler tubes.	do.
—	176	Crank axles and parts.	do.
—	177	Gun billets.	do.
4	178	Tungsten metal powder	Prices reduced.
14	179	High speed steel.	do.

The remaining Related Schedules to the Control of Iron and Steel (Nos. 32, 34 and 35) Orders, 1943–44, are unchanged.

The prices of shell steel discards, as set out in the Fifth Schedule to the Order, are reduced by £1 per ton.

The Related Schedules lodged under the Control of Iron and Steel (Nos. 32, 34, 35 and 37) Orders, 1943–44, may be inspected at the offices of the Iron and Steel Control, Ashorne Hill, near Leamington Spa, and copies of all the schedules are also deposited at Steel House, Tothill Street, London, S.W.1. In addition, copies of the majority of the schedules—including those of most general interest—are available for inspection with the Liaison Officers of the Iron and Steel Control at the following offices :—Belfast, Birmingham, Glasgow, Middlesbrough and Sheffield.

Abbreviated versions of some of the schedules, detailing prices of products in more general demand, have been prepared, viz. :—

Alloy steel	Stainless steel
Heavy steel products	Rolled and re-rolled steel products.
Cold rolled strip	
Sheets—coated and uncoated	Bright steel bars and flats
Wire products (wire netting and second-hand barbed wire)	M.S. wire in straight lengths

NO. 38 (SCRAP) ORDER

The Minister of Supply has made the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 38) (Scrap) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1423, price 1d.), which came into operation on 30th December 1944, reducing the prices of scrap steel containing tungsten.

Control of Agar

Under the Control of Agar (No. 1) Order, 1943 (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 1740), issued by the Ministry of Supply, the maximum price for agar in any form was fixed at 30s. per lb. The Control of Agar (No. 2) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1321, price 1d.), which came into force on 1st December, makes allowance for the expenses and loss of material involved in shredding and grinding by authorising higher maximum prices for agar in shred or powder form. The new Order also exempts exports of agar from price control.

The maximum prices authorised are now as follows :—

Fibre or strip remains at	30s. per lb.
Shred	32s. 6d. ,,
Powder—less than 60 mesh	34s. 9d. ,,
Powder—60-mesh or over, but less than 80 mesh	35s. 9d. ,,
Powder—80 mesh or over	38s. 9d. ,,

Applicants for licences to acquire agar should in future state whether strip, shred or powder is required, and similar information, including a statement of the degree of fineness in the case of powders, should be furnished by the licensee about the material supplied, when Certificate "C" is completed on return of the licence.

Control of Flax

The Minister of Supply has made the Control of Flax (No. 20) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 1376, price 1d.), which comes into operation on 1st January 1945, revoking the Schedule of Maximum Prices for Dry Spun Flax Yarns which has been in force since 1st January, 1943, and bringing into operation a new schedule.

Enquiries should be addressed to the Ministry of Supply, Flax Control, The Grange, Ewell, Surrey, or to the offices of the Control at Reform Street, Dundee, and 87 Eglantine Avenue, Belfast.

Control of Wool

Wool Control announces that raw material required for the home civil trade against the ration to be granted for the period 1st March to 30th June 1945 will be issued on the basis of Home Issue prices Nos. 13 and 14.

Piston and Liner Control

Ministry of Supply, Branch T.T.3, announces that as from 1st January 1945, compulsory certificate procedure as affecting all pistons ordered for civil use will be discontinued.

Manufacturers may, however, at their discretion, continue to demand Certificates of Consumption or Certificates of Need in respect of any piston types in short supply.

The relaxation of the Control does not mean that piston *stocks* may now be freely purchased by traders or operators, and any firms (other than Ministry of Supply accredited stockists) wishing to acquire a stock of pistons must supply to Piston and Liner Control for prior approval.

Certificate procedure in respect of cylinder liners remains unaltered until further notice.

The School Furniture Industry and Post-War Reconstruction

The Joint Reconstruction Committee, consisting of representatives of the manufacturers and of the trade unions, appointed by the President of the Board of Trade, has recently presented an Interim Report and is now engaged on the preparation of a Final Report to be submitted early in 1945.

In its Interim Report, the Committee draws attention to two important factors affecting the future well-being of education and of the industry.

Firstly, there are no statistics in existence which give the extent of the post-war demand for school furniture. This information the Committee has, with the approval of the Board of Education, set out to obtain from all education authorities in England, Scotland and Wales. Without this information, as the Committee point out, it is impossible to plan the future production of school furniture on the correct scale. The industry has never employed the whole of its available factory space on school furniture alone and the Committee are anxious to ensure that school furniture shall receive a correct allocation of capacity.

Secondly, the industry habitually suffered in pre-war years from the adverse effects of a seasonal demand, it being the practice of authorities to place the bulk of their orders for delivery in the autumn months, with the result that manufacturers had no alternative but to dispense with surplus labour during the slack period. It is intended to obtain the co-operation of authorities in order to eliminate such adverse effects.

The Report makes it clear that the industry has suffered comparatively little from war damage, and that manufacturers are in a position to change over to their peace-time products with practically no delay as soon as materials and labour are released for the purpose.

Furniture Units Extended

The improvement in the output of utility furniture has continued, and the increase in the allowance of units has now been extended to people who received their units between 1st April and 31st July 1944. Advertisements in the newspapers will give exact details on how and where to apply for extra units. Those who received permits between 1st September 1943 and 31st March 1944 and who have not yet applied for extra units may still do so.

People who wish to make application for utility furniture for the first time should use form UFD/1A, copies of which may be collected at any Local Fuel Office or obtained by writing to the Board of Trade, Furniture Section, Neville House, Page Street, London, S.W.1. If they qualify for utility furniture, they may receive at least half of their allowance in brown units which are valid at once. The balance will be in green units which will not become valid until a date to be announced later.

M.E.S.C. Import Modifications

The Middle East Supply Centre has announced that after consultation with supply and shipping authorities in London and Washington the British and American Authorities in the M.E.S.C. have now communicated to the Governments of Middle Eastern countries important modifications in the present system of M.E.S.C. control.

The most important feature of the changes which have been made is that over a wide range of items M.E.S.C. recommendations of territorial import licences will no longer be required. The import licensing regulations at present in force in all territories will however continue.

A further and fuller announcement will be published in *Board of Trade Journal* as soon as possible.

Machinery, Plant and Appliances (Control) Orders

Under the Machinery Plant and Appliances (Control) (No. 9) Order, 1945 (S. R. & O. 1945 No. 6, price 1d.), in force on 15th January 1945, the Board of Trade are empowered to grant licences to manufacturers to supply the machinery, plant and appliances controlled under previous Orders. The Board propose in future to grant only such licences, the existing power to grant licences to persons to acquire controlled goods being retained solely in view of outstanding licences issued to such persons. It will thus be necessary, in future, for the manufacturer, and not the acquirer, to make all applications for licence, forms for that purpose being obtainable from the Industrial Supplies Department, Machinery Licences Division, Board of Trade, 1–6 Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Further, reconditioning is no longer to be regarded as "manufacture," and parts for reconditioning, in addition to parts for repair, will now be exempt from control.

Selling Prices of Antimony Metal and Antimony Compounds

As from 1st January 1945 there will be a reduction in the prices of the antimony metal and the antimony compounds sold on behalf of the Ministry of Supply by the Cookson Lead & Antimony Co. Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne; St. Helens Smelting Co. Ltd., St. Helens; and Hallett & Son, London.

The reduced prices are as follows:—

Antimony metal, 99·6 per cent....	... £112 10s.	per ton.
Antimony metal, 99 per cent. ...	... £105	,,
Antimony oxide	... £105	,,
Crude antimony	... £90	,,

Local Purchase Orders

MATERIAL FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

In view of the fact that local units of H.M. Forces are purchasing quantities of material for educational purposes, the Board of Trade consider it opportune to remind traders that rationed goods may only be supplied coupon-free against official Local Purchase Orders, which may be identified as follows:—

Admiralty ... ... Local Purchase Orders issued by Admiralty establishments on Form D. 258d. or S.22.

Army ... ... Local Purchase Orders issued by the Army are on Form P.1922: always quote an official order number, and should normally be signed by an Assistant Director of Ordnance Services, but in any case by the Commanding Officer.

Canadian Army ... ... Local Purchase Orders issued by the Canadian Army bear the following heading:—
"Canadian Army Overseas (Royal Canadian Ordnance) Purchase Order."

Royal Air Force ... ... Local Purchase Orders issued by the R.A.F. are on Forms 528C or 531.

Royal Canadian Air Force. Local Purchase Orders issued by the R.C.A.F. are on R.C.A.F. Form E.139. Department of National Defence for Air—Local Purchase Order.

Royal Australian Air Forces. Local Purchase Orders issued by the R.A.A.F. will be made out on forms headed "Commonwealth of Australia" and wil bear an official order numbe and date.

These Orders should not be paid into the bank as coupon equivalents, but should be forwarded together with evidence o supply, direct to the Board of Trade, North Gate, Prince Albert Road, London, N.W.8, for an issue of coupons.*

Traders should note that coupons will *not* be refunded for goods supplied against any other types of Local Purchase Order, or against any order, including the types defined, which is marked to the effect that payment is not being made aga nst public funds.

Trading with the Enemy

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

With reference to the notice in *Board of Trade Journal*, 30th December 1944, page 478, the following additions have been made to Statutory List "A":—

"Egon," 356 tons; "Liban," 217 tons; "Ludwig," 358 tons; "Sven," 238 tons—all flying the Swedish flag and under the ownership of Rederi A/B Egon. "Granska," 1,000 tons, Swedish flag, Battjanst; "Masen," 1,316 tons, Swedish flag, Rederi Sjostjarman A/B.

VESSELS AGAINST WHICH DISCRIMINATION IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(*a*) *Shipowners on the Statutory List.*

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution.

---

* If the "original" of the Local Purchase Order is needed for financial purposes, the duplicate carbon copy may be used for recovery of coupons.

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners or Charterers
Galatasaray	Turkey	724	Sadikoglu, Aslan, Kaptañ
Crespi (ex Jose Trujillo)	Spain	338	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Juan II... ...	Ditto	552	Ditto
Rigel (ex Tercio Montejurra) ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Maribel	Ditto	398	Ditto
Salvador	Ditto	130	Ditto
Alcora	Ditto	216	Ditto
Linette	Ditto	398	Ditto
Almagro	Argentina	282	A. M. Delfino y Cia
San Martin	Ditto	220	Ditto
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Argentina Neuva Cia General de Navegacion
Rio Blanco (ex Madryn) ...	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atlas	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Ciclope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goliat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	173	Ditto
Samson	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto
San Rafael Archangel (ex Delfin)	Spain	98	Julio Gonsales Martin, Las Palmas
Maria del Pilar G. (ex Maria Boumatti)	Ditto	54	Ditto
Presidente Mitre ...	Argentina	372	Cia Argentina Comercia e Industrial de Pesqueria
Presidente Roca ...	Ditto	412	Ditto
Carvalho	Portugal	27	Henrique Da Silva Pinto Ferro
Maria 3°	Ditto	56	Pedro Joao de Sousa
Maria 5°	Ditto	56	Ditto
Guadiana 4°... ...	Ditto	13	Ditto
Maria Menuela ...	Ditto	10	Ditto
Blanca de C	Spain	285	Ramon Carranza
Reina Victoria ...	Ditto	162	Ditto
Paco Nino	Ditto	30	Ditto
San Vicente	Ditto	40	Ditto
Paco	Ditto	300	Jose Leon Carranza
Negro (trawler) (ex Purification Costas Maravilla)... ...	Ditto	109	Viuda de Botello (Senora Gally
Blanco (trawler) (ex Manuel Gestoso Chicha)	Ditto	109	Ditto
Antonio Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	112	Manuel Gestoso Costas
Jose Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	?	Ditto
Atlantides	Sweden	9,650	Rederi A/B Atlantides
Solvik	Ditto	649	Ditto
Miguel Caldenty ...	Spain	74	Juan Mora A. Bou
Nuevo Corason ...	Ditto	122	Ditto
San Cayetano ...	Argentina	400	"Cardimex" Comp. Argentin, de Importacion y Exportacion S.A.
Nuestra Senora de la Almudena... ...	Spain	41	Otto Gerdtzen
Manen	Ditto	398	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Skansen	Sweden	744	Enhorning Kemiskt-Tekniskt A/B
Nordanbris (ex Pollux)	Ditto	8,971	Rederi A/B Bellatrix
Ostbris	Ditto	978	Ditto
Sunnanbris	Ditto	8,721	Rederi A/B Erious
Westbris	Ditto	972	Ditto
Ilis Africa	Spain	85	Salah Ben Hamza
Antares	Ditto	—	Cia Comercia Maritimal de Transportes S.A.
Polar	Ditto	—	Ditto
Chiqui	Ditto	398	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Antonio Diaz ...	Ditto	36	Jose Maria Delgado
Faro de Buda ...	Ditto	226	Atlantida Astilleros and Construcciones S.A.
Faro de Salou ...	Ditto	226	Ditto
Faro de Oropesa ...	Ditto	226	Ditto
Faro de Canet ...	Ditto	226	Ditto
Carmen Freixas ...	Ditto	349	Agencia Freixas
Coname 1°	Ditto	489	Comp. Naviera del Mediterraneo S.A.
Condecorado... ...	Ditto	567	Hijos de M. Condeminas
Condestable	Ditto	516	Ditto
Sancho Panza ...	Ditto	197	Christina Suardiaz
Santa Ana	Ditto	322	Maries y Serra en C.
Carmelita	Ditto	117	Jeronimo Yipland (effective owner)
Norte	Ditto	26	Jesus Franquesa (nom. owner)
Arabert	Sweden	2,840	Rederi A/B Solstad
Arasvall	Ditto	2,900	Ditto
Procyon	Ditto	399	Cia Comercial Maritime de Transportes S.A.
Canopus	Ditto	399	Ditto
F. Goya	Ditto	—	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Plencia II	Ditto	78	Cia Comercial Maritime de Transportes S.A.
Ampurdan	Spain	218	Sucr. de Viuda de Enrique Illueca
Enrique Illueca ...	Ditto	685	Ditto
Juan Illueca (ex Vicente la Roda) ...	Ditto	1,508	Ditto
Punta Azamor ...	Ditto	151	Ditto
Punta Poloma ...	Ditto	157	Ditto
Rosa N. Illueca ...	Ditto	795	Ditto
Faro de Benicarto ...	Ditto	500	Atlantida Antilleros and Constucciones S.A.
Faro de Peniscola ...	Ditto	226	Ditto
Pilar	Ditto	31	Jose Garcia Reboredo Isla
Mari Carmen L. ...	Ditto	389	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes, S.A.
Barcia	Ditto	241	Navales Barcia-Manolo Barcia
Lea	Ditto	98	Ditto
Maninos	Ditto	114	Ditto
Olga	Ditto	94	Ditto
Tarragona	Ditto	825	Sucr. de Viuda de Enrique Illueca
Egon	Sweden	356	Rederi A/B Egon
Liban	Ditto	217	Ditto
Ludwig	Ditto	358	Ditto
Sven	Ditto	238	Ditto
Granska	Ditto	1,000	Battjanst A/B
Masen	Ditto	1,316	Rederi Sjostjarman A/B

Export Licensing

EXPORT OF GOODS (CONTROL) (No. 3) ORDER, 1944

With reference to the notice in *Board of Trade Journal* 30th December 1944, page 477, paragraph II. at the foot of the right-hand column should read as under :—

II. The item "Hollow-ware" (under the heading "Manufactures wholly or mainly of nonprecious metal") in the Schedule to the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 10) Order, 1943, has been replaced by the following item :—

Hollow-ware other than the following :—
Articles of personal use.
Bulbs of the kind used in aerated water syphons.
Candlesticks and crumb scoops.
Flower vases.
Stationery.
Ornaments.
Smokers' requisites.
Spoons and ladles (domestic).

Amendment to Registers

The Board of Trade have issued lists of amendments to the following registers :—

Home Trade Register ; Toilet Preparations Register ; Register of Manufacturers of Leather or Textile Containers and Straps ; Register of Manufacturers of Woven Wool Cloth ; Register of Manufacturers of Woven Non-wool Cloth ; Register of Manufacturers of Knitted Goods ; Register of Manufacturers of Corsets ; Register of Manufacturers of Footwear ; Register of Manufacturers of Footwear ; Register of Manufacturers of Headwear ; Register of Exporters of Woven Piece Goods ; List of Registered Exporters in respect of Headwear.

Copies of the lists are obtainable from H.M. Stationery Office, price 1d. each.

Board of Trade Appointment

The Board of Trade announce that, in view of Sir Frank Nixon's pre-occupations as a Joint Managing Director of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation, Mr. E. C. Adams has been appointed to act as head of the Export Credits Guarantee Department with effect from 1st January 1945. Sir Frank Nixon will continue as a member of the Advisory Council.

Ministry of Food Orders

In continuation of the list given in *Board of Trade Journal*, 23rd December 1944 (page 471), the following Orders, made by the Ministry of Food, have been published as S. R. & O. 1944, price 1d. :—

No. 1340. Order, dated 1st December 1944, revoking the Straw (Maximum Prices) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1941.

No. 1380. The Biscuits (Charges) Order, 1944, dated 19th December 1944, made by the Treasury under section 2 of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939 (2 & 3 Geo 6, c. 62).

No. 1391. Order, dated 11th December 1944, amending the Fish (Maximum Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1944.

No. 1406. Order, dated 15th December 1944, revoking the Rationed Foods (Emergency Retail Stocks) Order, 1942.

No. 1407. Order, dated 15th December 1944, amending the Potatoes (1944 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1944.

No. 1408. General Licence, dated 15th December 1944, under the Potatoes (General Provisions) Order, 1944, and the Potatoes (1944 Crop) (No. 2) Order, 1944.

No. 1409. Order, dated 16th December 1944, amending the Food Rationing (General Provisions) Order, 1944.

United Kingdom Corn Prices

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries states that the average prices of British corn per hundredweight in the week ended 30th December 1944 were wheat, 13s. 11d. ; barley, 25s. 2d. ; and oats, 17s. 2d.

Postal Notice

POSTAL SERVICE TO BELGIUM

The Postmaster-General announces that letters not exceeding 1 oz. in weight on personal or business matters may be sent to Belgium as well as postcards. The postage is 3d. for letters and 2d. for postcards. In the case of both letters and postcards business communications must be limited to those ascertaining facts and exchanging information.

Correspondence for areas in which delivery is not at present undertaken will be held by the Belgian Post Office until delivery can be effected.

SAVE OLD RAGS AND SACKING
FOR SALVAGE

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

Brazil

TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

The Counsellor (Commercial) to H.M. Embassy at Rio de Janeiro reports, by telegraph, that a Decree Law No. 7116 of 4th December 1944, published on 6th December, increases the Customs duties on raw wool and single woollen yarn, with effect from 6th December. Only the Minimum Tariff duties, which are applicable to United Kingdom goods, are shown below. Orders outstanding on the date of the Decree Law are subject to the old rates of duty :—

Tariff No. and Article	Old Rate of Duty	New Rate of Duty
	Cruzeiros	Cruzeiros
133. Raw wool ... per kilo. gross	1·4	2·8
137. Single woollen yarn of one or more ply or ends for weaving or darning, with or without cotton mixture :		
Raw or bleached ... per kilo. legal	4·6	9·2
Dyed, coloured or printed per kilo. legal	5·7	11·4

British India

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

With reference to the notice under the above heading in *Board of Trade Journal*, 16th September 1944 (page 345) and previous notices, H.M. Trade Commissioner at Calcutta has forwarded copies of Notifications No. 26 I.T.C./44 of 7th October 1944, and No. 27 I.T.C./44 of 4th November 1944, which provide for the following further amendments to the Schedule annexed to Notification No. 23 I.T.C./43 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 25th September 1943, pages 357–367 and subsequent notices).

In Part II of the Schedule

(i) The following entries shall be inserted after the entries relating to Serial No. 48, namely :—

48A. Electric exploders 73

(ii) The following entries shall be inserted after the entries relating to Serial No. 52, namely :—

Miscellaneous

53. Safety lamps and spare parts thereof 77

In Part III of the Schedule

The following entries shall be inserted in column 2 after the words "Penetrating agents" appearing against Serial No. 1, namely :—

"Scouring agents ;
Wetting out agents."

RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

H.M. Trade Commissioner at Calcutta has forwarded a copy of Notice No. 414 I.T.C., dated 20th October 1944, which relates to the issue of special licences for imports of goods included in Part IV of the Import Trade Control Schedule for shipment from the United Kingdom during January to June 1945.

Subject to the following modifications licences will be issued under the same quotas as were allotted for the period July–December 1944.

Quotas for import of goods covered by Serial Nos. 118–121 (paints in retail packing), 124 (lead pencils), 136 (polishes and compositions), 168 (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) (copying and coloured pencils, writing ink, other stationery), 203 (ribbons), 222 (haberdashery, millinery and drapery), 239 (earthenware, all sorts n.o.s.), 240 (china and porcelain all sorts n.o.s.), 241 (earthenware pipes and sanitary ware), 243 (domestic earthenware), 244 (sheet and plate glass), 245 (glass tableware, excluding glass tumblers), 246 (glass tumbers), 247 (glass bottles and phials), 248 (glass and glassware n.o.s.), 303 (photographic negatives and printing paper excluding X-ray films), 317 (cartridges), 321 (paint and varnish brushes) (joint quota with Serial No. 324), 322 (*b*) (other toilet brushes), 324 (brushes other) (joint quota with Serial No. 321), 325 (toys and games requisites), 326 (buttons, metal), and 336 (buttons other than metal) have been revised.

The essentiality quotas for packing and wrapping paper (Serial No. 160) and cotton twist and yarn (Serial No. 180) have been fixed as "Nil-merits." Licences will not ordinarily be granted, but applications will be considered if it is established that the import is for essential requirements.

For all musical instruments falling under Serial Nos. 309 and 310 a joint quota by value has been fixed on the basis of past imports during the year 1st April 1941 to 31st March 1942. Importers have been requested to submit statements of past imports for calculation of quota.

No licences will be issued for the importation of "Navy Melton" falling under Serial Nos. 186, 187, 191, and 192, but imports thereof in the basic year will *not* be included for purposes of calculation of quota.

REVALIDATION OF IMPORT LICENCES

The Board of Trade have received information that Indian import licences for goods falling under Parts I to V of the schedule annexed to the Government of India's Notification No. 23 I.T.C./43 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 25th September 1943, page 357), dated 1st July 1943, which are valid for shipment up to 31st December 1944 will, subject to the exceptions noted below, stand automatically revalidated to cover shipments made in the period January to June 1945, and do not require formal revalidation by the Import Licensing Authorities.

Exceptions :—

1. Licences for the import of raw cotton.
2. Licences issued under the Machine Tool Control Order.

Canada

GOODS MADE IN CANADA

H.M. Senior Trade Commissioner at Ottawa has forwarded to the Board of Trade a copy of a Memorandum (Series D, No. 51, M.C.R. 62), dated 22nd November 1944, issued by the Department of National Revenue, which states that *plastic injection moulding machines, 4 ounce capacity and greater*, have now been ruled to be of a class or kind made in Canada, with effect three weeks from the date of the Memorandum.

Costa Rica

TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

H.M. Representative at San José has forwarded a translation of Decree No. 23, dated 1st September 1944, and published in the "Gaceta Oficial" of 6th September, which provides for increases in the Costa Rican Customs Tariff in respect of cotton goods with effect from 6th September. The old and the new rates of duty are shown below :—

Tariff No. and Article	Old Rate of Duty	New Rate of Duty
	Colones per kilo. gross	
33. Raw cotton with seed (transferred from Tariff No. 30)	Free	0·20
34. Cotton yarn (transferred from Tariff No. 31)	0·10	0·40
34. Unbleached cotton sheeting, plain, of more than 6 yards to the lb. (460 grams). (New item) ...	—	0·40
34. Raw cotton without seed (transferred from Tariff No. 33)	0·20	0·40
35. Cotton manufactured into wick, rope, and twisted string or twisted into sewing cotton, rope and string (transferred from Tariff No. 34)	0.40	0.60
36. Unbleached drill sheeting, worked sheeting, unbleached cotton sheeting up to 6 yards to the lb. (460 grams) (transferred from Tariff No. 34)	0.40	0.70
36. White cotton calico, washed sheeting, washed cotton drill (transferred from Tariff No. 35)	0·60	0.70

Cyprus

CUSTOMS MODIFICATIONS

The Board of Trade have received a copy of the Customs (Amendment) (No. 2) Law, 1944, dated 11th October 1944, which provides for the following modifications in the Cyprus Customs Tariff :—

Item No.	Article	Former Duties: British Preferential Tariff	Former Duties: General Tariff	New Duties: British Preferential Tariff	New Duties: General Tariff
		s. p.	s. p.	s. p.	s. p.
9.	Benzine, petrol or motor spirit per 4 gals.	3 0	4 4½	4 3½	5 8
83.	Perfumery and perfumed spirits, cosmetics, hair oil, hair dyes and wash, pomades and toilet powder ad valorem	45%	60%	60%	100%

Southern Rhodesia

REVALIDATION OF ESSENTIALITY CERTIFICATES

The Board of Trade are informed by the High Commissioner for Southern Rhodesia, 429 Strand, London, he has been authorised to revalidate Southern Rhodesian Essentiality Certificates in the following circumstances :—

Where the United Kingdom exporter holds a Southern Rhodesian Essentiality Certificate which is no longer valid and *which covers goods now no longer requiring Export Licences from the Board of Trade.*

When the required extension of the validity period of the Essentiality Certificate has been received from the High Commissioner's Office, the exporter must communicate such information to the importer in Southern Rhodesia in order that he may approach the Southern Rhodesian Department of Supply to obtain customs clearance.

The above procedure is only applicable where United Kingdom Export Licences are not required. When revalidation of Essentiality Certificates is required for goods liable to export licences the importer in Southern Rhodesia must still approach the Department of Supply in the Colony for the required extension of validity.

Trade and Industry

Brazil

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, 1939–43

The "Commercial Intelligence Journal" issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, gives the following particulars of the trade figures for the years 1939–43 :—

Year	Imports	Exports
	Metric	tons
1939	4,874,000	4,183,042
1940	4,441,000	3,236,916
1941	4,049,338	3,535,557
1942	3,003,044	2,660,827
1943	3,302,000	2,696,089

An all-time high record was achieved in 1943 when the total value of Brazil's international trade reached 14,801,897,000 cruzeiros. This was an increase of 2,657,993,000 cruzeiros over the 1942 total of 12,143,904,000 cruzeiros.

British India

CROP CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, reports as follows on the crops in India for the weeks ended on the dates given :—

Madras, 9th December. The transplanting and sowing of paddy and dry crops are progressing. Standing crops are fair.

Bihar, 19th December. The sowing of rabi, harvesting and threshing of Aghani paddy and the crushing of sugarcane are continuing.

Orissa, 18th December. The harvesting of winter paddy is continuing. Early winter paddy is being threshed. The sowing of wheat and summer paddy is progressing. Standing crops are generally average to good except for cotton in the Multan district which is under average.

Bengal, 20th December. Prospects of standing crops are fairly favourable and the harvesting of Aman paddy is continuing.

COTTON CROP—FIRST ESTIMATE

The first official estimate of the All-India cotton area for 1944–45 amounts to 11,560,000 acres (Bengal 1,469,000 acres, Americans 3,120,000, Oomras 3,737,000 and others 3,225,000).

This constitutes a decrease of 24 per cent. compared with last year's corresponding revised figure, which is due chiefly to the campaign to grow more food crops and partly owing to the comparatively lower prices for cotton in relation to food crops.

The forecast relates to the end of October for the state of Hyderabad and to the end of July or the beginning of August for the remaining areas.

At the end of last season the Indian Government announced that of the 10¾ million acres under short-staple cotton at that time, 3¼, million acres or roughly 30 per cent., should be producing food crops in the forthcoming season.

SUGARCANE ACREAGE

The first official estimate of the all-India sugarcane area for this season gives 3,997,000 acres, an increase of 2 per cent. over the corresponding revised estimate last year. Condition is good on the whole.

Principal Government Publications Relating to Trade and Shipping issued since 1st January 1944

Apparel and Textiles Order, 1942 : *List of persons whose names were on 10th July 1944 entered in the List of Registered Exporters of Headwear. 1d. (2d.).

Board of Trade Journal. 6d. (7d.). Annual Subscription, 26s. (30s.).

Cinematograph Film Industry, Tendencies to Monopoly in the : Report of a Committee (Chairman, Mr. Albert Palache) appointed by the Cinematograph Films Council. 3rd July 1944. 9d. (10d.).

Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) Order, 1944 : Related Specification No. 1. Overalls. 3d. (4d.). No. 2. Women's and Maid's Underwear and Nightwear. 3d. (4d.).

Clothing Quiz, 1944–45. 3d. (4d.).

Company Law Amendment Committee (Chairman, Mr. Justice Cohen) : Minutes of Evidence, 29th October, 12th and 26th November 1943. 4s. (4s. 3d.); 10th December 1943. 2s. (2s. 2d.); 21st December 1943. 2s. (2s. 2d.); 7th January 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 8d.); 21st January 1944. 2s. (2s. 2d.); 28th January 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 8d.); 11th February 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 7d.); 25th February 1944. 2s. (2s. 2d.); 14th March 1944. 1s. 3d. (1s. 4d.); 4th April 1944. 1s. 3d. (1s. 4d.); 18th April 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 8d.); 28th April 1944. 1s. 3d. (1s. 4d.); 12th May 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 8d.); 19th May 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 8d.); 2nd June 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 8d.); 16th June 1944. 1s. (1s. 1d.); 7th July 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 7d.); 14th July 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 8d.); 25th July 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 8d.); 26 July 1944. 1s. 6d. (1s. 8d.).

Consumer Rationing (Consolidation) Order, 1943 : *Lists of persons whose names were on 1st September 1943 entered in the following Register : Special Producers 4d. (5d.).

Export (Control of) : List of Goods, the exportation of which from the United Kingdom is controlled under the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 10) Order, 1943, showing the position on 15th January 1944. 6d. (7d.).

Export Trade of the United Kingdom for the years 1938, 1942 and 1943, Accounts relating to. 1s. (1s. 2d.); 1939, 1940 and 1941, Accounts relating to. 1s. (1s. 2d.).

Footwear (Supply, Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) Directions : Utility Footwear Specifications, List A. : Supplement No. 1. 1d. (2d.).

Goods and Services : Related Price Schedule No. 1. Worsted Yarn. 6d. (7d.). Related Charge Schedules No. 1, Commission Worsted Spinning. 2d. (3d.). No. 2, Commission Combing and Re-Combing. 1d. (2d.).

Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) Directions : Utility Knitted Goods, *Schedule F. Knitted Cloths, Knitted Garments, Knitted Gloves, Knitted Pram Rugs ; and Key to Non-Utility Group Numbers. 1s. 3d. (1s. 4d.).

Limitations of Supplies (Miscellaneous) (No. 22) Order, 1944 : *List of persons whose names were on 1st March 1944 entered in the Home Trade Register. 1s. 6d. (1s. 7d.).

Merchant Shipping : List of Principal Acts of Parliament, Regulations, Orders, Instructions, Notices, etc., relating to Merchant Shipping, 1941 Edition. Supplement No. 2. December 1943. 1d. (2d.).

Services Clothing Rationing. 1d. (2d.).

Trading with the Enemy : Legislation in force with the United Kingdom on 1st February 1944. 6d. (7d.).

Utility Apparel (Infants' and Girls' Wear) Directions : Schedule IG. 2. 9d. (10d.).

Utility Apparel (Maximum Prices and Charges) Orders : Related Schedule No. 1A. Men's, Youths' and Boys' Outerwear (other than Knitted Apparel and Gloves). 2d. (3d.), Supplement No. 1. 1d. (2d.). No. 2A. Men's, Youths' and Boys' Shirts, Underwear and Nightwear (other than Knitted Apparel). 2d. (3d.). No. 3A. Women's and Maids' Outerwear (other than Knitted Apparel and Gloves). 3d. (4d.). No. 4B. Women's and Maids' Underwear and Nightwear, Corsets and Brassieres (other than Knitted Apparel). 2d. (3d.). No. 5A. Domestic and Industrial Overalls. 3d. (4d.). No. 6. Knitted Apparel (other than Gloves), Supplement No. 1. 3d. (4d.). No. 9. Merchant Navy Clothing. 1d. (2d.).

Utility Furniture and Household Furnishings : Trader's Leaflet UFD/8 (Revised). 1d. (2d.).

Utility Oilskins : Schedule. 2d. (3d.).

NOTES.—Above publications may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, or other Branches. Post free prices in parentheses.

PATENT OFFICE PUBLICATIONS

Official Journal (Patents). Published weekly.
Trade Marks Journal. Published weekly.
Price, in each instance, per copy 1s. (inland), 1s. 1d. (abroad).
Annual subscription £2 10s. (inland), £2 15s. (abroad).
Reports of Patent, Design and Trade Mark Cases. Published periodically.
Price per copy 2s. (inland), 2s. 1d. (abroad).
Annual subscription £1 (inland), £1 5s. (abroad).
Patent Specifications.
Price per copy 1s. (inland), 1s. 1d. (abroad).

In ordering copies of specifications, the year as well as the number of the application must be stated in the case of specifications relating to applications made prior to 1916, but in the case of subsequent applications the serial (i.e. six-figure) number of the specification must be quoted.

Owing to the war certain Patent Office publications, including the Volumes of Abridgments of United Kingdom Specifications and the Name Indexes (Patents, Designs and Trade Marks), have been suspended, but full particulars relating to Patent Office publications generally can be obtained from the Sale Branch of the Patent Office, 25 Southampton Buildings, London, W.C.2.

Subscriptions to such publications are payable in advance and deposit accounts may be opened.

* Amendment Lists are published from time to time.

EDITORIAL COMMUNICATIONS should be addressed to The Editor, *Board of Trade Journal*, Millbank, London, S.W.1 (Telephone: Whitehall 5140, extension 306).

SUBSCRIPTION AND SALES ENQUIRIES should be addressed to the Publishers, H.M. Stationery Office, York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, or branches.

ADVERTISEMENTS. Applications concerning the insertion of advertisements in the *Board of Trade Journal* should be addressed to the Director of Publications, H.M. Stationery Office, 421–9 Oxford Street, London, W.1 (Telephone: Mayfair 7755).

The Government accepts no responsibility for any of the statements in the advertisements and the inclusion of any particular advertisement is no guarantee that the goods or services advertised herein have received official approval.

COMPANY MEETING

CARRERAS LIMITED

LARGER OUTPUT AND SALES

The forty-first annual general meeting of Carreras, Limited, was held on 29th December in London.

Sir Edward Baron (chairman and managing director) said that during the year the hazards and dangers of war had once more imposed themselves upon London. Throughout that difficult phase their staff and workpeople had again rendered splendid service. The directors had had great pleasure in repeating the bonus paid last year of six weeks' wages plus additional gifts for long service.

As regarded the result achieved during the year under review, the decline of £776,000 in the gross trading profit was in no way due to loss of sales or turnover. On the contrary, their output and sales were in excess of the previous year, largely on account of the greatly increased supplies needed by H.M. Forces for issue as rations and for sale through the N.A.A.F.I. canteens, etc., Red Cross parcels for prisoners of war and individual parcels to members of the Forces also made increasing demands upon their resources.

COST OF LEAF TOBACCO

The main reason for the reduction in profit was the considerably increased cost of leaf tobacco and, as the prices of leaf were regulated by the United States Government, the advancement was quite outside their control. In view of the importance they placed on the use of the highest quality leaf, he was pleased to be able to report that they expected in due course to receive shipments of a fine range of high quality leaf of this year's crop and, while the cost was likely to be slightly higher than previously, they did not anticipate that their leaf costs during 1945 would increase to the same extent as prevailed in the year under review compared with 1943. To a lesser extent there had been increased costs of other materials, as well as carriage, transport, manufacturing, wages and miscellaneous items. Under present conditions one could not foresee an appreciable reduction in any one of those items.

The directors had decided to continue to pursue a conservative policy as being the wisest and most prudent course. It was therefore again proposed to pay a final dividend of 17½ per cent. on all classes of Ordinary shares, making 30 per cent. for the year, and to allocate £100,000 to provision for contingencies.

Their well-known brands were in greater public demand than ever and their prestige had never stood higher. So long as they could maintain their production and improve upon it when more labour was made available to them, they had confidence in the future.

The report was adopted.

COMPANY MEETING

Apex (Trinidad) Oilfields

WAR-TIME PRODUCTION RECORD

MR. MALCOLM MACLACHLAN'S STATEMENT

The following is an extract from the report of the directors, which incorporates the annual statement of Mr. Malcolm Maclachlan (the chairman), presented at the annual general meeting of the Apex (Trinidad) Oilfields Ltd., on 4th January 1945.

The profit for the year amounted to £293,516, making, with the balance of £144,483 brought forward from the previous year, a total of £437,999. Against this amount there is chargeable interim dividend No. 48 of 12½ per cent., directors' additional remuneration, provision for taxation and provision for deferred drilling operations, totalling £192,188, thus leaving a balance to the credit of profit and loss account of £245,811. The directors now recommend the payment of a final dividend of 17½ per cent., less British income tax at 5s. 0½d. in the £, making a total dividend of 30 per cent. for the year.

During the five years to 30th September 1944, approximately 521,000 feet have been drilled and production has amounted to over 20,000,000 barrels of crude oil and 17,000,000 gallons of casing head gasolene. The average annual production has thus exceeded the record for any year prior to the war.

The annual rate of production has been determined by the incidence of the controlled drilling policy in accordance with which production for the year to 30th September 1944, was approximately 3,760,000 barrels of crude oil and 3,127,000 gallons of casing head gasolene and was obtained from 267 wells.

Throughout the period deliveries of crude oil have been made to Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd., under our sales agreement, products therefrom being dealt with under arrangements with the authorities. Latterly, deliveries of casing head gasolene have also been made to Trinidad Leaseholds Ltd., by arrangement with United British Oilfields of Trinidad Ltd.

The price which the company has received for its production during the war has shown some increase over pre-war prices but not proportionate to the increase in the cost of both labour and materials.

It is of interest to record that, in addition to the very substantial amount of essential war material supplied, this company has contributed in the form of taxation and royalties in respect of the five years approximately £1,200,000, equivalent to more than double the share capital.

It is clear that production on the scale of the past five years cannot be maintained without replacement of the reserves of oil which have been drawn on so freely in the national interest. Indeed, in normal circumstances production on that scale would not have been contemplated without corresponding drilling to extend the proven areas of the property. While war-time conditions have precluded a normal drilling programme, the drilling which has been done has not resulted in extensions of the proven acreage to the degree which initial drilling results had previously indicated.

As a first step in taking stock of prospects for the future the Trinidad management were requested to review the position as regards reserves of oil. In this connection it is of great interest that the total output of oil since the field commenced substantial production in 1921 amounts to 69,000,000 barrels, of which by far the greater part has been obtained from an area of some 1,200 acres out of 5,688 acres over which the company holds oil rights—a remarkable achievement.

The Trinidad management now estimate that the production to date constitutes somewhat over two-thirds of the total ultimate production as estimated in the light of present knowledge.

A drilling programme has been prepared to determine to what extent the proven acreage can be extended. Drilling operations continue to be controlled, but it has recently been possible to commence these further operations and it is trusted the conditions in the near future will permit the maintenance of this programme. In this connection it is satisfactory that, as the balance-sheet shows, the company has substantial resources available for its operations.

It is estimated that the production of crude oil for the current year to 30th September 1945 will amount to 3,380,000 barrels.

These reports are published as advertisements.

PRINTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF HIS MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE BY THE WHITEFRIARS PRESS LIMITED, LONDON & TONBRIDGE S.O. CODE NO. 72-2509

945

B

CON

Retai

Trade

Britis

Anno

Custo

Trade

Volu

T
met
T
req
day
as i

A
peri
a h
twe
dist
nor
sho
The
apa
Oct
T
per
pub
Au
in a
ind
tha
wh
A
fou

*
132
†
des

No

Foo